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Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda submits memorandum to CM Siddaramaiah

Mysuru, Aug. 13 (PM&DM)- With Mysuru city growing rapidly, Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD) has appealed to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to upgrade Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) into Bruhat Mysuru Mahanagara Palike (BMMP) and to include layouts on city outskirts in the Palike.

GTD presented a memorandum in this regard to the Chief Minister during Dasara High Power Committee meeting held at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru yesterday.

In his memorandum, GTD said that Mysuru is growing at a fast pace and there is an increase in population in villages of Mysuru taluk coming within the Outer Ring Road (ORR). Most of these layouts have been developed and as part of improving the infrastructure, these layouts must be brought under the MCC limits. Likewise, the layouts in villages that adjoin these developed layouts must also be brought under the purview of the MCC, he said adding that doing so will help in better amenities and infrastructure.

(See PALIKE on page 6)

MLA G.T. Devegowda handing over memorandum to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in Bengaluru yesterday as Dy.CM D.K. Shivakumar and Minister Priyank Kharge look on.

Echo of crest gate washing away at Tungabhadra Dam

Expert panel to assess condition of KRS Dam

All 152 sluice gates of KRS Dam replaced with new gates from 2011 to 2023; automation awaited

A team of engineers from Cauvery Neeravari Nigama Limited (CNNL) led by Water Resources Department Secretary Krishnamurthy Kulkarni inspecting the Harangi Dam in Kodagu.

Mysuru/Bengaluru, Aug. 13 (KMS,AG,BLU&BCT)- In response to the recent washing away of a crest gate at the Tungabhadra Reservoir in Vijayanagara district, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar announced that the State Government will form an Expert Committee to evaluate the condition of all dams in the State.

This includes the Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam in Mandya, the Harangi Dam in Kodagu and the Kabini Dam in H.D. Kote within the Cauvery Basin.

Before the committee is officially constituted, a team of engineers from CNNL, led by Water Resources Department Secretary Krishnamurthy Kulkarni, has been assessing the reservoirs.

(See KRS on page 6)

Chamundi Hill Temple Authority formation is unconstitutional

Not using son's influence

"My husband, Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wadiyar served as a Member of Parliament four times. Even then, we did not use his position and powers to claim any land. Now, through my son Yaduveer Wadiyar, who is currently an MP, I am not seeking to get anything done. This is a private matter of the Mysore Palace. I fulfil my responsibilities through legal means. My son has been elected as an MP by the people and he is fulfilling his responsibilities," says Pramoda Devi Wadiyar.

Temples at Chamundi Hill are our private properties, says Pramoda Devi Wadiyar

Mysuru, Aug. 13 (SBD&BCT)- The erstwhile Mysore royal family has objected to the State Government's enactment of **Sri Chamundeshwari Temple Development Authority Act 2024.**

"This is unconstitutional and we have questioned the Government move in the High Court which has stayed the Authority formation," said royal family Pramoda Devi Wadiyar.

She was addressing a press conference at the Mysore Palace last evening. The High Court issued a temporary stay on the State order that aims to consolidate absolute control of the State over the Chamundeshwari Temple built by the Mysore royal family. In response, Pramoda Devi Wadiyar filed a Writ Petition challenging this law.

"The Court issued the injunction upholding our appeal that the formation of Sri Chamundeshwari Temple Development Authority is unconstitutional, especially while the case regarding the illegal acquisition of the Temple and its properties is still pending adjudication," she said.

Giving details of Writ Petition, Pramoda Devi explained that Chamundeshwari Temple and other Temples are private properties of royal family and the Government has attempted to take over ownership, control and management of properties.

(See TEMPLE on page 6)

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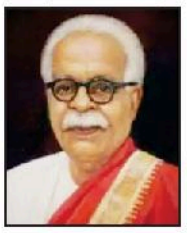
Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 13th August 2024

Rashtrakavi Govinda Pai Award for Prof. A.V. Narasimhamurthy

Mysuru, Aug. 13- Prof. A.V. Narasimhamurthy, former Head, Department of Ancient History and Archaeology, University of Mysore, will be conferred the prestigious Rashtrakavi Govinda Pai Award-2023 at a programme to take place at Pathrakarthara Bhavan, Thyagaraja Road in city at 12 noon on Aug.14.

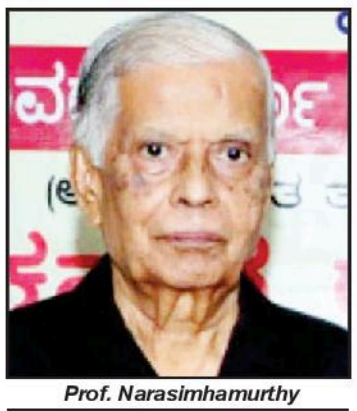


Govinda Pai

The award has been instituted by T. Vimala Pai in association with Rashtrakavi Govinda Pai Samshodhana Kendra, Udupi, Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), Mahatma Gandhi Memorial (MGM) College, Udupi, Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat and Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota, Mysuru.

MGM College Principal Prof. Lakshminarayan Karanth will preside. District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal and Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota President M. Chandrashekar will be present.

Senior writer Belagodu Ramesh Bhat will deliver the felicitation address.



Prof. Narasimhamurthy

Profile: Prof. A.V. Narasimhamurthy of Mysuru passed his BA (Hons) and MA Degrees with Rank and obtained his Ph.D from Andhra University. Beginning his career with the Indian Archaeological Department, he later served as a Lecturer at Andhra University for several years.

He joined University of Mysore as a Reader in 1965 and served the University till his retirement. He has written many books and research articles on Numismatics and Indology. He has also guided more than 20 students for their Ph.D degrees. He has won many awards and prizes including Karnataka Rajyotsava Award, Puratatva Ratna Award, Karnataka Sahitya Academy Award and Award of Excellence given by the Archaeology Department.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

MURUGAN IS DAYAAPARAN: ***Lord Murugan is known as*** *dayaaparan.* ***The*** *'paran'* ***in the word indicates His Supremacy. When it comes to*** *daya* ***(compassion), Murugan is indeed the Supreme One, said So. So. Meenakshisundaram in a discourse. His*** *daya* ***is the result of His love for us. He demonstrates this in the case of Valli. He tells Valli that He is eager to obey her commands! He literally begs her to tell Him what she wants. What is the significance of this begging? Murugan begs in order to 'give.' He urges us to let Him into our hearts, so that He can save us. His begging is to show that He will climb down to our level to save us.***

Think of this analogy. A hungry beggar-woman stands outside a house and calls out, "Please, just a fistful of rice." Inside the same house, a mother begging her child to eat, says to the child, "Please, just a fistful of rice." Here the mother is not looking for food, but wants her child to be well fed. The words of the beggar and the mother may be the same, but obviously the intent is different. Likewise, Murugan 'asks', so that He may grant *moksha.* ***In his*** *Kandar Anubhuti,* ***Arunagirinatha wonders if Murugan's lotus-like feet will reside in his heart, which is hard like stone. His prayer obviously is that his heart must become soft like the mud in which lotus plants thrive. A heart full of love and bhakti will draw Murugan like a magnet.***

—In The Hindu

NEWS SPARKLERS

Man plays 'World of Warcraft' for over 78 hours

New Jersey: A man put his insomnia to good use by playing World of Warcraft for more than 78 hours, breaking two world records in the process.

Justin O'Donnell, a Marine Corps veteran, logged into the massively multiplayer online role-playing game and played for 78 hours and 30 minutes.

O'Donnell was allowed a 5-minute break each hour, but he used his rest time to eat and play with his dogs rather than sleep.

He finished his 78-hour, 30-minute gaming session with 80 minutes of unused rest time. His gaming marathon broke the record for the longest video game marathon playing World of Warcraft, which previously stood at 59 hours and 20 minutes.

Dog chews battery; starts house fire

Oklahoma: A dog was sent to the shelter home for canines after being caught on camera starting a fire by chewing on a lithium ion battery.

The Tulsa Fire Department posted a video to YouTube showing the scene that unfolded inside the home earlier this year.

The security camera footage shows the dog chewing on a lithium ion battery on a pet bed while another dog and a cat watch from nearby.

The battery suddenly catches fire, causing the animals to flee as it explodes and ignites the pet bed, filling the room with smoke.

The dogs watch the flames for a few seconds before leaving the room.

The department said the dogs and cat were able to escape the house through a dog door. No humans or animals were injured.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Myth: If you go back to work, you'll have to wean your baby.
Fact: Returning to work doesn't mean you have to stop. Many mothers continue breastfeeding after going back to work. Look for policies at workplace. You can consider to express during working hours and breastfeed directly when you are at home. Family member can offer the expressed breastmilk to the baby in your absence. If you decide to give your baby a breastmilk substitute for some feeds, it still very good to continue breastfeeding whenever you are with your baby.

By Mrs. Vinutha S - Lactation Counsellor
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

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Space Day: Science Fiction writing contest on Aug. 16

Mysuru, Aug. 13- National Space Day is being celebrated across India on Aug. 23 to commemorate the historic landing of Chandrayaan-3 on the Moon in 2023. As part of this, the Cosmology Education and Research Training Centre (COSMOS) project of the Indian Institute of Astrophysics is organising a Science Fiction Writing Competition in Kannada in collaboration with the University of Mysore on Aug. 16.

Anyone who is aged between 18 and 35 years may participate in this contest to be held at Vijnana Bhavan in Manasagangothri campus here on Aug.16.

The three possible topics along with rules and regulations are mentioned in the link at *https://bit.ly/cosmosfiction.* The participants can register for the contest at 3 pm and will be given time to write their entry stories at the venue from 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm.

For details, those interested may contact N. Amoghavarsha on Mob: +91-6362159474 or *cosmos.epoc@iiap.res.in,* according to a press release.

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REALLY...?

- ***Tardigrades are also known as water bears or moss piglets, but the actual word 'tardigrade' means 'slow paced'. It was originally an adjective applied to tortoises, but since 1800 it has been the name of these microscopic creatures.***
- ***The toughest animal in the world has to be Tardigrades. These tiny, microscopic, creatures are probably among the most unbreakable creatures on Earth, able to survive dehydration, microwaving and temperatures as hot as 150ºC or as low as –273ºC.***

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VOICE OF THE READER

Speed limit on ORR: Some questions unanswered

Sir,

It's indeed welcome news to now be able to drive at 60 kmph on the Outer Ring Road (ORR). I'm glad the speed limit has been raised from 40 kmph to 60 kmph (*SOM* dated Aug. 11).

However, the question remains: Why not 80 kmph? As tax-paying citizens, we feel the traffic department could have been slightly more generous. Yet, it's important to reflect on the rationale behind such a decision. Many questions remain unanswered. How do the authorities determine the final speed limits? What exactly constitutes rash and negligent driving? What is the 'road worthiness' of the ORR? What is the appropriate distance to maintain between vehicles?

Are our roads well-lit? Is there a technical specification for speed breakers or humps? If so, are all speed breakers laid according to these specifications? Is it safe to place barricades, and if so, are enough reflectors pasted on them?

I've often noticed that the interceptor is placed at the end of slopes, where most drivers naturally allow their vehicles to roll down. Why not on level roads?

I request our Traffic Police to address these questions so that the general public is well-informed. While every errant driver should be penalised — and now that AI cameras are installed in many places — please consider whether a vehicle was truly being driven rashly and negligently before issuing fines.

There's also a buzz among the public that the Traffic Department is given a monthly target to achieve. It would be helpful if this could be clarified by the competent authority.

—N.S. Vinod
University Layout 12.8.2024

Finally, Rangayana Mysuru gets a new Director

Engineering graduate-turned-theatre person Satish Tiptur to head city's theatre repertory; Five other repertories across the State also get new Directors

Mysuru, Aug. 13 (MK&BS)- Finally, after over a year-long wait, Government has appointed Directors to six Rangayana theatre repertories in the State, including that of Mysuru on Monday.

According to a notification issued by Kannada and Culture Minister Shivaraj Tangadagi, Satish Tiptur has been appointed as the Director of Rangayana Mysuru, Dr. Raju Talikote for Rangayana Dharwad, Prasanna D. Sagar for Rangayana Shivamogga, Dr. Sujatha Jangama Shetty for Rangayana Kalaburagi, Mallikarjun Kadakola for Rangayana Davangere and Venkataramana Aithal for Yaksha Rangayana in Karkala.

An Engineering graduate-turned-theatre person, Satish Tiptur is a native of Tumakuru district. He began his theatrical stint with Abhinaya Taranga, a theatre troupe in Bengaluru and later did his Diploma in Theatre Arts at Ninasam in Heggodu. He has his own theatre troupe named Bhoomi Theatre, which has produced several plays in the last 25 years of its existence.

Satish Tiptur

> I will discharge my duties towards encouraging the artistes and maintain transparency, keeping in mind the relevant challenges being faced by Rangayana.

Social responsibility

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Satish Tiptur said, he has been entrusted with a big social responsibility, with his appointment as the Director of Rangayana Mysuru.

"I have had 30 years experience in the field of theatre and I am confident of handling all the responsibilities in Rangayana. I thank Ranga Samaja for choosing me as Rangayana Director. I will discharge my duties towards encouraging the artistes and maintain transparency, keeping in mind the relevant challenges being faced by Rangayana," said Satish Tiptur.

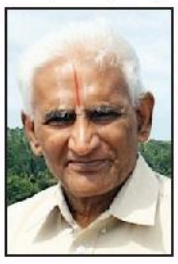
Members to Academies

The orders have also been issued, nominating various members to several academies in the State, that had fallen vacant. They are — Akshata M. Nayak for Karnataka Konkani Sahitya Academy; Vinod Moodagadde to Karnataka Arebhashe Samskruthi Mathu Sahitya Academy; Raghavendra Kinnal and Shivaprasad Channapatna to Karnataka Shilpakala Academy; H.S. Manjunath of Hassan to Karnataka Lalithakala Academy and Lakshman Hanamantha Desaratti as Additional Member of Karnataka Bayalata Academy.

Obituary

Prof. Embar Sampathkumar Achar

Mysuru, Aug. 13 - Prof. Embar Sampathkumar Achar (88), Professor Emeritus, Department of Studies in Mathematics, University of Mysore and a resident of No.39, 1st Stage, 1st Main, KHB Colony, Agrahara Dasarahalli in Bengaluru, passed away on Aug. 11 in Mysuru.



Prof. Embar Sampathkumar Achar was a pioneer in Graph Theory and his birthday is celebrated as Graph Theory Day in India on June 10 every year.

He is survived by two sons E.S. Ravi and E.S. Raghavan, daughters-in-law Kamalshree and Meera, grand-children Bhargav, Pranav, Nandita and Aditya and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held in Bengaluru yesterday

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NEWS BRIEFS

Power disruption tomorrow

Owing to emergency maintenance works at Ramakrishnanagar South Power Distribution Centre there will be disruption in power supply tomorrow between 10 am and 5 pm in the following areas — Gururu, Rayanakere, Kalalawadi, Kotehundi and surrounding areas, according to the press release from Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) Executive Engineer VV Mohalla Division.

Office inauguration

The Office of Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar in the First Floor of CADA office premises will be inaugurated at 3 pm tomorrow (Aug. 14).

Matrimonial Meet

JSS Vivaha Vedike has organised a matrimonial meet at Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Bhavan in JSS Hospital premises on Aug. 18 from 10 am to 1 pm. Though the participation is restricted to those who have already registered, interested may register at the venue on the day of the meet too. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2430322 or Mob: 83101-21328, according to the press release.

SSC, Banking exam coaching class

City's Jnanabuthi Samsthe will be conducting a 45-day coaching class for Staff Selection Commission (SSC) exam and Bank recruitment exam (IBPS). Interested aspirants can register for the coaching class at the Jnanabuthi Office located in Government PU College and High School premises in Lakshmipuram. The registration will be done between 5.30 pm and 7.30 pm on all days till Aug. 17. For details, contact Mob: 94481-17455, 99728 -30857 or 82967-88251, according to a press release.

Ph.D awardee

B.S. Ravishankar has been awarded Ph.D in Electrical and Electronics Engineering Sciences by the Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Belagavi, for his thesis 'Impact of Distributed Generation on Reliability of Distribution System' submitted under the guidance of Dr. K.T. Veeramanju.

Grand Dasara-2024

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah chairs High Power Committee meeting

CM Siddaramaiah, who held a Dasara High Power Committee meeting at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru yesterday, seen with (from left) Ministers K. Venkatesh and K.J. George, Deputy CM D.K. Shivakumar, Ministers Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa and H.K. Patil.

- Gajapayana of Dasara elephants from Veeranahosahalli at Nagarahole Forest to Mysuru on Aug. 21 at 10.10 am
- *Nada Habba* to begin on Oct. 3 by offering *puja* to Goddess Chamundeshwari at 9.15 am atop Chamundi Hill
- *Jumboo Savari* to start from Mysore Palace on Oct. 12, with *puja* to *Nandi Dhwaja* between 1.41 pm and 2.10 pm

MYSURU DASARA
Celebrations Since 1610 AD
Oct. 3 - Oct. 12, 2024

Bengaluru, Aug. 13 (KMS & BS)- With the dams across the State brimming with water level reaching maximum capacity following copious rains in the last two months, the effervescent State Government has decided to celebrate the forthcoming *Nada Habba* Mysuru Dasara festival on a grand scale.

The meeting of Dasara High Power Committee chaired by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah held at Vidhana Soudha, here on Monday, arrived on this consensus. The Dasara festivities will begin on Oct. 3 by offering puja to Goddess Chamundeshwari at 9.15 am atop Chamundi Hill and concludes with *Jumboo Savari* on Vijayadashami day on Oct. 12. The *Jumboo Savari* will begin from Mysore Palace premises, with *puja* to *Nandi Dhwaja* between 1.41 pm and 2.10 pm and the floral tributes to the idol of Goddess Chamundeshwari, kept in Golden Howdah mounted on the elephant, is scheduled at 4 pm. As a prelude to Dasara, *Gajapayana*, the traditional sojourn of first batch of jumbos from Veeranahosahalli in Hunsur at Nagarahole is scheduled on Aug. 21 at 10.10 am.

Following the meeting, Siddaramaiah announced the decision on grand Dasara celebration, in a three-part message on his X (formerly Twitter) account stating that following good spell of rainfall, farmers are happy, with remote chances of drinking water related issues too. In this wake, let's celebrate Dasara in a grand and meaningful way. The previous year Dasara was a low scale event, owing to drought situation, but spent Rs. 30 crore on organising the annual festival. This year too, the required funds will be sanctioned on the basis of the report of Dasara Committee, the Chief Minister assured.

However, during the meeting, no decision has been taken on the dignitary who will be inaugurating Dasara. The decision in this regard will be taken by the committee in the coming days.

The festive atmosphere should be not just restricted to Mysuru, but should be extended to neighbouring districts like Mandya, Chamarajanagar, Kodagu and Hassan, laying emphasis on attracting tourists, the Chief Minister is learnt to have issued directions to Officers on these lines.

21-day illumination

The Dasara illumination this year will be a 21-day spectacle, with CM issuing directions to Officers in this regard. Like previous year, when illumination was restricted to *Navarathri*, but was extended by a week, this year too it will be extended further.

In view of 50th year celebrations of renaming the State as Karnataka, under the banner of *Karnataka Sambhrama*, that stretches till November, Dasara events will be conceptualised on the similar theme, setting aside the old system and giving impetus to new.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will be requested for organising Dasara Air Show, for longer hours in Mysuru, he said.

Dasara illumination to be 130-km spectacle: Minister George

Mysuru, Aug. 13 (PM&BS)- A vast area covering 130-km will sparkle with colourful lights during Dasara illumination this year, with the authorities planning to decorate 84 circles, 64 prominent places and also parks in the city. This follows a decision taken at the meeting chaired by Energy Minister K.J. George at Belaku Bhavan in Bengaluru yesterday.

The illumination of city will begin on the eve of launch of Dasara festivities from Oct. 2 and shall conclude after 21 days.

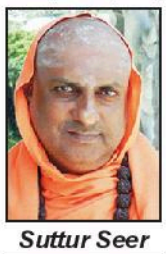
Minister George said, the illumination should elevate Dasara mood and the officials of Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) Limited should take keen interest in executing the plans. *Hasiru Chappara* (Green Pandal), Welcome board (on Chamundi Hill), various welcome arches, offices of CESC, programme venues among other places should be aptly illuminated, he added.

CESC Managing Director G. Sheela and other senior Officers were present.

Let Suttur Seer inaugurate

Dasara festivities: MLA T.S. Srivatsa

Mysuru, Aug. 13 (SBD&BS)- Krishnaraja MLA T.S. Srivatsa has renewed his demand to inaugurate forthcoming Dasara festival at the hands of Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji.



Suttur Seer

Raising his demand again during the Dasara High Power Committee meeting held in Bengaluru yesterday, Srivatsa said, he had exhorted to select Suttur Mutt Seer to inaugurate Dasara festival last year too. The demand should be considered at least this year, he added.

Steps should be taken to open stalls at CADA Grounds, for expo-cum-sale of Government owned products like that of Silk Factory, Mysore Sandalwood Oil Factory, Geographical Indicator (GI) tagged products like Nanjangud Rasabale, Mysore Veelyedele (betel leaves).

Simultaneous yoga demonstrations should be held under the banner of Yoga Dasara across the city to enter Guinness Book of World Records. No fee should be collected for parking of vehicles and leaving footwear at Chamundi Hill. These two facilities should be provided free, as devotees make offerings at the temple *hundis*, he said.

Forest Minister releases list of 14 Dasara elephants

First batch of nine elephants to take part in Gajapayana on Aug. 21

Mysuru, Aug. 13 (PM&KS)- A total of 14 elephants will take part in this year's Dasara festivities and *Gajapayana*, the march of Dasara elephants from Veeranahosahalli in Nagarahole Reserve Forest to Mysuru will be held on Aug. 21.

A poster containing the details of all 14 Dasara elephants was released by Minister for Forest, Ecology and Environment Eshwar Khandre during the International Conference on 'Human Elephant Conflict Management – 2024,' held as part of World Elephant Day celebrations at the University of Agricultural Sciences, GKVK campus in Bengaluru, yesterday.

A total of 18 elephants were finalised by the forest officials for this year's Dasara among which four elephants will be kept on reserve. While nine Dasara elephants namely — Abhimanyu (Male), Varalakshmi (Female), Dhananjaya (Male), Gopi (Male), Bheema (Male), Lakshmi (Female), Kanjan (Male), Rohit (Male) and Ekalavya (Male) will take part in *Gajapayana* and arrive in Mysuru the same day, five other elephants — Prashanth (Male), Mahendra (Male), Sugreeva (Male), Lakshmi (Female) and Hiranya (Female) will arrive in the second batch. The other four elephants — Harsha (Male), Aiyappa (Male), Parthasarathy (Male) and Maladevi (Female) which have been identified as reserve elephants will stay in their respective camps and will be brought to Mysuru in case of emergencies.

Speaking after releasing the poster, Minister Khandre said that as per the tradition and with co-ordination from the Mysuru District Administration, puja will be performed to the first batch of nine Dasara elephants before the commencement of *Gajapayana* at Veeranahosahalli during which the mahouts and kavadis will be felicitated, he added.

Continuing, Khandre said, "Today is World Elephant Day. Problems regarding man-elephant conflicts are persisting worldwide. In order to find solutions to it an International Conference on Human Elephant Conflict Management – 2024 was held which has been fruitful. Karnataka's forest cover has not increased over the past years which has resulted in man-animal conflicts. To prevent such incidents, successful methods adopted by other States have been discussed at conference."

Pointing out that an interaction with farmers was held as part of the conference in which he had take part, Minister Khandre said that ideas and suggestions from farmers in areas affected by elephants and also from environmentalists have been taken and the best suggestions will be implemented.

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Ch. Hill Temple Authority formation is unconstitutional'

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"The Maharajas opposed the State's attempts to bring the Temple and its properties under the jurisdiction of the Muzrai Department and acquire them illegally. A Writ Petition has already been filed in the High Court in 2001, which is still pending. Despite this, the Government enacted the Sri Chamundeshwari Temple Development Authority Act-2024 (on March 7, 2024) to take ownership, which has now been challenged in Court as unconstitutional," she said.

"It is an attempt to assert Government control over the Chamundeshwari Temple, our private property. In response, we filed a writ petition with the High Court on July 19, challenging this move. The Court issued an injunction on July 26, which was confirmed on Aug. 2. Consequently, the Sri Chamundeshwari Temple Development Authority is currently non-existent, as per Court's order," she noted.

Chamundi Hill is private property

The list of private properties under the 1950 agreement between the Mysore Maharaja and the Government of India at the time of accession to the Indian Union includes Chamundi Hill. In 1972, the Central Government issued a circular to all State Governments to update the list of properties submitted by all the royal families in India under the 26th Amendment to the Constitution, Pramoda Devi noted.

"The list of Mysore Maharaja's private properties includes Chamundi Hill, which encompasses the Chamundeshwari Temple and associated structures, Rajendra Vilas Palace and other buildings, Narayanaswamy Temple, Tripurasundari Jwalamukhi Temple, Mahabaleshwara Temple, Devikere, Basava and three pump houses, among other properties. The agreement recognised the full ownership, use and enjoyment of the private properties included therein," she pointed out as mentioned in the list.

"The list of private properties was also signed and approved by the then Chief Secretaries of the Government. The Government is aware that Chamundi Hill is private property, which is why the Sri Chamundeshwari Temple Development Authority was created. This Act violates Articles 14, 19, 21, 25 and 26 of the Constitution," she detailed.

Concerns about the Act

Pramoda Devi contended that the Chamundeshwari Temple was a "denominational temple that follows a unique and exclusive *sampradaya* and was intricately linked to the royal family and its members." (Religious denomination in India is that it must be a collection of individuals who have a system of beliefs or doctrines which they regard as conducive to their spiritual well-being).

The Chamundeshwari Temple follows a unique and special tradition and is intrinsically linked with the royal family. However, through the Development Authority, the Government has attempted to take over the Temple's ownership, control and management, including its movable and immovable assets, she said.

"There are concerns that the Government is trying to turn temples into tourist centres, disregarding religious sentiments. The provisions in the Act are overly arbitrary and inconsistent, granting excessive authority to officials. It is alarming that the Act allows the Government or officials to appropriate temple donations according to their preferences and desires," Pramoda Devi Wadiyar noted.

Troubles with Governments

"We have not claimed that Mysore belongs entirely to us. We are proceeding based on the fact that private properties were listed in the agreement during accession. We cannot accept others claiming our family deity's domain as their own. Personally, and politically, I do not wish to lodge complaints against anyone," she said.

"Since the advent of independence, we have faced difficulties from all Governments in one form or another. I do not understand why our family is perceived as an adversary by the Governments. If we face injustice or trouble, we are taking steps for protection. We are fighting the legal battle through four legal teams and appear in Court four to five times a month," Pramoda Devi said emotionally.

Request for compensation

"Regarding Kurubarahalli Survey No. 4 case, the Supreme Court has ruled in our favour. However, the Court's order has not been implemented. There is a rule that mandates alternative land or compensation in cases where land-owners' attention is not drawn to development of housing projects. Does this law not apply to us? On one hand, there are housing projects on our 225 acres of land. Who will compensate us?" she questioned.

Chamundi Hill must remain in its natural state

Ready to manage Temple, says Pramoda Devi

Mysuru, Aug. 13 (SBD& BCT)- Mysore royal family member Pramoda Devi Wadiyar said that her late husband Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wadiyar had written to the Government requesting the management of Chamundi Hill.

"While there were various reasons for this request, simply having made the request does not equate to obtaining ownership. The conditions that justified the request then are no longer applicable. Everything seems fine during our visits, but the situation may not be as it appears," she said.

"Our primary aim is to manage the Temple in the traditional way, as our ancestors did. The Chamundi Hill must be preserved in its natural state. With recent tragedies in Wayanad and Kodagu still fresh in our minds, if the Court rules in our favour, we are prepared to manage the Chamundeshwari Temple," Pramoda Devi Wadiyar added.

Expert panel to assess condition of KRS Dam

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The team inspected the Harangi Dam and Chiklihole Dam in Kodagu, reviewing the functionality of the gates, crest gates, water release mechanisms and storage systems. They are also scheduled to visit the KRS and Kabini reservoirs soon.

The incident at the Tungabhadra Reservoir occurred when a chain link of one of the crest gates (the 19th gate) snapped, leading to its washout and prompting an alert in downstream areas due to a large water release.

Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel H.D. Kumaraswamy proposed installing stoplogs at all reservoirs, including the KRS Dam, to prevent similar issues. He noted that stoplogs were implemented at Narayanapura and Alamatti reservoirs based on World Bank recommendations but criticised their absence at both the Tungabhadra and KRS Dams.

Kumaraswamy urged the State Government to address safety measures at the KRS Dam, which lacks stoplogs due to the technology not being available at the time of its construction.

Stoplogs are large logs, timber or steel beams stacked on top of each other, with their ends supported by guides on each side of a channel or conduit. They provide a cost-effective and easily manageable temporary closure compared to bulkhead gates.

Although the sluice gates of the KRS Dam have been replaced, officials suggest that stoplogs could be beneficial for the gates that release water into irrigation canals.

152 sluice gates replaced

At KRS Dam, the replacement of 136 sluice gates, part of a project started in 2019, was completed in April 2023. 16 sluice gates were replaced in 2011. With this project now finished, all 152 sluice gates at KRS have been updated with new ones.

The replacement of these gates was carried out under the Central Water Commission's Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (DRIP). This initiative aimed to address issues such as leakage, corrosion of gate components and operational difficulties.

Automation Centre work pending

Work is underway to install computer-controlled crest gates at the KRS Dam, replacing the current manual system where each gate is operated through a chain. However, the Automation Centre, which will manage these new systems, is not yet operational because construction at the South Gate of KRS is still in progress.

Once the building is complete, it will take an additional three months to set up the wiring and install the automation systems. Until then, the gates will continue to be operated manually. Although the modern computer-controlled technology has been installed, its functionality is pending the completion and activation of the Automation Centre.

Bruhat Mysuru Mahanagara Palike

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Pointing out that Under Sections 4 and 500 of the Karnataka Municipal Corporation Act-1976, there is a provision for inclusion or exclusion of some City Municipal Councils (CMCs), Town Panchayats (TPs) and Gram Panchayat (GP) areas in big cities, the MLA said that the boundary of the BMMP must be drawn, during which the ward delimitation done in 2018 must be taken into consideration. Currently, the MCC has an area of 86.31 sq.kms, he added.

Continuing, GTD said that as per the ward delimitation of 2018, which is approved by the Government, some villages located in Hootagalli CMC, Rammanahalli and Srirampura TP areas, come under the MCC jurisdiction. As per a Government Notification, MCC Ward Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 20 covering Hebbal area, come under Hootagalli CMC, while Ward No.35 (Sathagalli) comes under Rammanahalli Town Panchayat (TP) and Ward No.65 (Srirampura) comes under Srirampura Town Panchayat, he noted.

GTD further said he has learnt that a proposal has been sent by Hootagalli CMC, Rammanahalli and Srirampura TP Offices to the Government seeking to leave out areas that come under MCC limits as per the Government approved Ward Delimitation Map of 2018.

He pointed out that as per the Ward Delimitation Map of 2018, the MCC currently has 86.31 sq.km area under its jurisdiction while Alanahalli Gram Panchayat has 5.69 sq.kms area, Siddalingapura GP has 14.70 sq.kms, Hootagalli CMC has 29.70 sq.kms, Bogadi Town Panchayat has 35.50 sq.kms, Srirampura TP has 17.84 sq.kms, Rammanahalli TP has 22.11 sq.kms and Yelwal GP has 20.76 sq.kms. All these areas add up to 187.01 sq.kms and the BMMP can be formed with a total area of 273.32 sq.kms, which also includes the MCC's 86.31 sq.kms, he argued.

He further argued that the inclusion of Chamundi Hill, Alanahalli, Yelwal and Siddalingapura GPs, Hootagalli CMC, Bogadi, Srirampura and Rammanahalli Town Panchayats in the BMMP, will certainly help in planned and organised growth of the city, in providing better civic amenities and overall improvement of infrastructure.

MUDA sites scam

7,000-page MUDA documents to reach Probe Commission

Mysuru, Aug. 13 (RK&DM)- The One-Man Commission formed by the State Government under retired High Court Judge P.N. Desai to investigate the MUDA (Mysuru Urban Development Authority) alternative sites allotment scam has begun its investigation.

MUDA authorities are preparing to send the proceedings from all MUDA meetings held since 2006 to the Commission.

Following Justice P.N. Desai's directive, MUDA officials are gathering and photocopying the files from these meetings. The officials are outsourcing the photocopying and binding of these documents, as MUDA lacks the necessary facilities.

The total volume of documents is expected to reach up to 7,000 pages, which will be bound into books. Once the photocopying and binding are completed, the officials will send these documents to the Commission Office at Kumara Krupa Guest House in Bengaluru.

Activist files one more complaint against CM

Bengaluru, Aug. 13 (DM)- In a fresh challenge for Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, social activist T.J. Abraham has filed another private complaint against him at the Special Court for People's Representatives concerning the MUDA (Mysuru Urban Development Authority) alternative sites allotment scam.

Previously, on July 26, Abraham's complaint seeking prosecution of CM Siddaramaiah, led Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot to issue a show cause notice to the Chief Minister. In response, the State Cabinet passed a unanimous resolution urging the Governor to withdraw the notice, though a decision on prosecution is yet to be made.

Additionally, another private complaint by activist Snehamayi Krishna from Mysuru is set for hearing today (Aug. 13) at Bengaluru's Special Court for People's Representatives. The Court will determine whether to accept or reject this complaint.

Kannada outfit seeks CBI probe

Mysuru, Aug. 13 (PM&DM)- Members of Karnataka Sena Pade staged a protest in front of the Old DC Office yesterday, calling for the MUDA (Mysuru Urban Development Authority) scam investigation to be handed over to the CBI.

The demonstrators criticised the ongoing political bickering between the ruling and Opposition parties over the multi-crore MUDA scam, expressing disappointment with the lack of constructive action.

The protestors highlighted that both MUDA and Valmiki Development Corporation scams have deeply affected the State's residents and involve numerous political leaders and officials.

The protestors questioned why former MUDA Commissioner G.T. Dinesh Kumar was merely transferred instead of being suspended. They demanded an immediate CBI investigation for a thorough and impartial probe.

Sena Pade District President Tejesh Lokesh Gowda, along with members Suresh Gold, Prabhushankar, Krishnappa, Shivalingaiah, Shanthakumar Gowda, Nagaraj, Varakodu Krishnegowda, Manjula, Prajeesh, Shivakumar, Bhagyamma, Mahadev Paduvarahalli, Bogadi Siddegowda, Padma, Shantharaje Urs, Nandakumar and Narayanagowda, participated in the protest.

MLCs nominated to Committees

Mysuru, Aug. 13- MLCs Madhu G. Madegowda and K. Vivekananda of the JD(S), an NDA partner in the State, have been nominated as members of different Committees, by the Legislative Council Chairman Basavaraj Horatti.

Madhu Madegowda Vivekananda

While Madhu Madegowda has been appointed as a Consultative Committee member of Mandya University, Vivekananda has been appointed as a member of Divisional Railway Users Advisory Committee.

Announcing the appointments, Legislative Council Secretary K.R. Mahalakshmi said that the appointments have come into effect from Aug. 7.

PG medicos demand hike in stipend

Mysuru, Aug. 13 (RK&TRR)- The Post-Graduate (PG) students, who are doing their internship at K.R. Hospital, staged a silent protest by wearing black bands on their arms demanding increase in stipend amount and other allowances.

The PG medicos however discharged their duties and worked as usual in Out Patients Department (OPD) and other designated Departments of the Hospital.

"Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) had promised that our demands will be implemented during our similar protest last year. But nothing has been done so far. We are staging the silent protest without disrupting our regular work and causing inconvenience to the patients," said one of the protesting PG students.

The PG students drew the attention of the MMC&RI authorities by holding placards like 'We Resuscitate, Our Stipend Suffocate,' 'Protest for Stipend Raise,' 'Sympathy will Not Pay Our Bills,' 'Sarkarada Sahavasa Vethanavillada Upvasa' and 'Shoshane Nillisi, Namma Allowance Bagge Gamanisi,' among others.

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RAAGA Music Academy's decennial celebrations: Day-1

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The person behind this Academy is Dr. Poornima Krishnamurthy, a well-known Ayurveda Consultant. While running an organisation is no joke, Dr. Poornima has been managing this Academy with her busy profession which demands a tight schedule.

Ably supported by her Guru Vidu. Koviladi Kala, a renowned musician, vocalist and teacher and a dedicated team of music connoisseurs, RAAGA has been successfully presenting good quality concerts over the last eleven years on the third Saturday of every month. RAAGA hosted two grand concerts on the occasion of its Decennial Celebrations on Aug. 3 and 4.

Vidu. Koviladi Archana Rao presenting a vocal concert at Mysore Vasudevacharya Bhavana in city on Aug. 3 as part of RAAGA Music Academy's Decennial Celebrations. She is accompanied by Aditi Krishna Prakash on violin, Tumkur B. Ravishnakar on mridanga, S. Narayana Murthy on ghata and Yashasvini on tamboora.

On Aug. 3, **Vidu. Koviladi Archana Rao** presented a vocal concert at Mysore Vasudevacharya Bhavana in city accompanied by **Aditi Krishna Prakash** on violin and **Tumkur B. Ravishnakar** on mridanga, S. Narayana Murthy on ghata and **Yashasvini** on tamboora.

Hailing from a family of musicians, Archana, daughter of noted musician Koviladi Kala, is under the tutelage of her mother. It is a wonder how this las manages everything so beautifully — her job (she is a Chartered Accountant), her family (with a two-year-old kid) and her music which is heavenly. And she scores 100% in all!

Archana opened her concert with the varna in Atta Tala 'Vanajakshi' in Kalyani, displaying all her traits that promised a good concert in the offing. Swati Tirunal's 'Parama Purusha Jagadeeshwara Jaya Jaya' followed with brisk and crisp swaras. As the daughter and the foremost disciple of Koviladi Kala, Archana frequently brings in shades of her Guru's style.

Kapi was indeed mellifluous with a rare composition 'Kalaye mama hrudaye' by Mysore Vasudevachar set to Khanda Triputa Tala. Shanmukhapriya alapana proved Archana's skill as a vocalist. Her honeyed voice traversed in all ranges with absolute ease and there was no trace of strain anywhere throughout. Patnam Subramanya Iyer's popular 'Marivere dikkevarayya RAma' saw a detailed neraval at the usual 'Sannutanga Sri Venkatesha Neevu' and the swara passages were intelligent and elaborate. Aditi replied aesthetically with her violin.

The next song was yet another rare composition — 'Sri Guruvara' by kamalesha Dasaru. The interesting part of the composition was the rare raga in which it was tuned. The devaranama was tuned by her grandfather Sri Koviladi Rangarajan in Ganamurty.

This was followed by the main attraction of the evening Kambhoji. While both Archana's and Aditi's versions of the raga essay were commendable, the presenting of Sri Tyagaraja's vilamba kriti 'O Ranga ShAyi' succeeded in bringing the devotional element in the compositionwith an appealing neraval at 'Bhooloka VAikunTam' followed by a swara essay which displayed her skill in laya.

The brisk paced passages enabled Ravishankar to give ample display of his percussive skill, which came to the fore in his taniyavartanam with Narayana Murthy's Ghatam.

Post taniyavartanam, Archana chose to sing an RTP in Kanada. The raga which was short and the Tanam were marked by pleasing gamaka-oriented sancharas. The pallavi 'VeNugAna lOla karuNAlavAla' in a complicated Chaturashra Triputa tAla set to Khanda Nade was well essayed with creative combinations. Swift changes in the ragas in ragamalika with Purvikalyani, Bhatiyar and Revati showcased the vocalist's command and stage experience.

The concert concluded with a Lalgudi tillana in Mand and the devaranama 'Elliruve Tande BAro Maruti' by Sri Bagepalli Shesha Dasaru.

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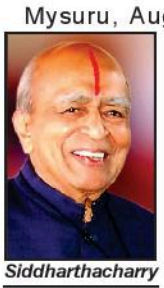
Declamation Fest, Creative Science Contest Winners


Siddharthacharry

Mysuru, Aug. 13- Acharya Vidya Kula (AVK), Mysuru, hosted **6th Inter-School Sri V. Siddharthacharry Memorial English Declamation Fest** and 2nd Creative Science Competition at its premises in city recently.

These competitions were open for the students of standard VII to X. Students of around 10 schools participated.

Manasarowara Pushkarini Vidyashrama, Mysuru, won the Rolling Shield instituted for the English competition.

Prize winners of the competitions are as follows:

English Poem Recitation: K. Anusha Bhat (Manasarowar Pushkarini Vidyashrama, Mysuru) and Suhaib Ansari (St. Joseph Central School) - I Prize; Sowmya Nagesh (Manasarowar Pushkarini Vidyashrama, Mysuru) - II Prize; Padmini Iyengar (Manasarowar Pushkarini Vidyashrama, Mysuru) - III prize.

English Speech Presentation (Declamation): Ayushmaan Nayak (St. Joseph Central School), K.M. Kallathmika (National Public School) - I Prize; Aaray Singh (Manasarowar Pushkarini Vidyashrama) - II Prize; Hridaan Kothari (Excel Public School) and D.R. Hamsika (Jyothi Nivas School, Srirangapatna) - III Prize.

Prize winners in the Creative Science Competition are as follows:

Junior Category (Std. VII and VIII): Tasmayi Prasad and Ryan Saketh Reddy (National Public School) - I Prize; G. Prathamesh and Diganth V. Jain (Acharya Vidya Kula) - II Prize; Ayoon Sachdev and Sonaa Darshan (St. Joseph's Central School) - III Prize; Senior Category (Std. IX and X).

Samarth Koushik and Ranupa Atharva (Manasarowara Pushkarini Vidyashrama) - I Prize; Nikhil Akash and V. Aarav (National Public School) - II Prize; K. Advithi and N. Vihaan (St. Joseph Central School) - III Prize

Viji Gopinath, Geetha Jagadesh Raman, Sunita Ganapathi and Meenu Brower were the Judges of the English competitions.

Mahesh Shivananjappa and Jayachandan judged the Science Models of the students, according to a press release from the School Principal.

I will enter the State Assembly soon: Prathap Simha

Yediyurappa should have insisted on my LS ticket, just as he did for his candidates

Mysuru, Aug. 13 (BCT)- Former Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha has said that he will enter the Karnataka Legislative Assembly soon. Making his intention clear in an interview to a Kannada news channel, he announced his plan to formally join the Assembly in coming days.

"I may not be in Vidhana Soudha right now, but I am very much involved in State politics. Recently, I've been speaking logically and strongly about State issues. Earlier, I didn't speak much about State matters. Now I am already in State politics and will be heading to Vidhana Soudha soon," he said.

The former MP mentioned that he has not yet made any preparations regarding his Constituency. "The decision on the Constituency will be made by Goddess Chamundeshwari. There will be a reorganisation of Constituencies soon, with an increase of 70-80 seats in Karnataka and a 33 percent reservation for women will be applied. If

Prathap Simha

the Congress Government falls and elections are held due to the scam in the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) involving Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, I will certainly be in the Old Mysore region," he hinted.

"I am confident that those who sent me to the Lok Sabha will also send me to the Legislative Assembly. I entered the LS through the front door and will enter the Legislative Assembly the same way," he stated.

He further stated, "The decision for me to contest from the Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha Constituency was blessed by senior members of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS). I became an MP under their guidance. Without the RSS, the BJP is nothing," he said.

Vokkaligas sidelined in BJP

"If H.N. Ananth Kumar was alive today, he would not have allowed this injustice to happen to me. I had deep faith in former CM B.S. Yediyurappa, who is also a member of the BJP Parliamentary Board. His son is the State BJP President. Just as he insisted on tickets for some of his candidates, Yediyurappa should have insisted on my ticket. This is my belief," he said.

Simha pointed out that, despite his strong track record and popularity, he was denied the party ticket, which he attributes to a 'scheme' by certain leaders who used the 'OBC' card to ensure Yaduveer's nomination as the BJP candidate.

"I don't think this could ever happen in Lingayat-dominated seats like Haveri, Belagavi, or Shivamogga, where Lingayat leaders are the candidates," Simha stated

'The Royal family kept me in the dark'

Prathap Simha expressed disappointment with Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar and his mother, Pramoda Devi Wadiyar, for not informing him about Yaduveer's plans to contest in the last Lok Sabha elections.

"I personally called Yaduveer and Pramoda Devi Wadiyar one month before the tickets were announced and asked about Yaduveer's plans to contest. They told me they had no such plans," he said.

"Yaduveer even told me he had no interest in politics. But after his name was announced, he told me he had been preparing for the elections for a year," Prathap Simha noted.

Will Prathap Simha contest Channapatna bypoll?

Mysuru, Aug. 13 (BLU & BCT)- Rumours are rife within the BJP that former Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha might be the chosen candidate for the upcoming Channapatna Assembly bypoll, representing BJP-JD(S) alliance.

Insiders reveal that Simha was seen actively campaigning for H.D. Kumaraswamy, the Mandya BJP-JD(S) alliance candidate, further fuelling speculation about his potential candidacy in Channapatna.

The State BJP is facing criticism for lacking a strong Opposition leader capable of shaking up Legislative Assembly. The high command is reportedly dissatisfied with leaders who are not being forceful enough to put the Congress Government in a tight spot.

On his candidature for Channapatha bypoll Simha said, "I won't comment on speculation. However, I'm not someone who sits quietly observing political developments. In politics, silence isn't an option — you must act. I'm playing my part, but I can't disclose what I'm doing. I believe in speaking only after job is done."

BJP rebels to protest on Sept. 17 against party's 'corrupt elements'

Belagavi, Aug. 13 (DM&BCT)- A day after the week-long Mysuru Chalo padayatra, undertaken by the BJP-JD(S) combine seeking the resignation of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah over the scam in the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA), concluded in Mysuru on Saturday, disgruntled BJP leaders upset with the style of functioning of State BJP Chief B.Y. Vijayendra and his father former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa held a meeting at a resort near Belagavi on Sunday.

During the meeting, the rebels announced their plans to hold a protest on Sept. 17 to press for their demand to free the State BJP leadership of "corrupt elements".

Top BJP leaders such as Gokak MLA Ramesh Jarkiholi, Vijayapura MLA Basanagouda Patil Yatnal, former MPs Prathap Simha, Annasaheb Jolle and G.M. Siddeshwar, former Ministers Aravind Limbavali and Kumar Bangarappa, and JD(S) leader N.R. Santosh, once a close associate of veteran BJP leader and former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, were among those who participated in the meeting.

In the meeting they also discussed plans to organise a Koodalasangama to Ballari padayatra in connection with Valmiki Development Corporation scam, after the Ganesh Chathurthi next month.

Yatnal, while addressing a gathering in Vijayapura yesterday said that the group's unity is focused on preserving the party's integrity and ensuring that leadership is in clean, non-corrupt hands. "The party, which was reduced from 120 to 66 seats in the last general election, will fall further if the leadership is not transferred to a clean and non-corrupt person," Yatnal said.

"The rally to Ballari is not to counter the party's rally from Bengaluru to Mysuru, but to fight against corruption," Jarkiholi said. He also mentioned that BJP national president J.P. Nadda Union Home Minister Amit Shah, and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh are expected to attend the rally.

Channapatna Assembly bypoll

Will fight as independent if denied ticket: Yogeshwar

Bengaluru, Aug. 13 (Agencies)- BJP MLC C.P. Yogeshwar announced on Monday that he would run as an independent candidate in the upcoming Channapatna Assembly bypoll if he doesn't secure the BJP-JD(S) coalition nomination

Yogeshwar

Yogeshwar acknowledged that Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy (HDK) is not in favour of him receiving the ticket, with speculation that he might be considering his son Nikhil Kumaraswamy for the bypoll.

The BJP leader expressed optimism that HDK might eventually support his candidacy. "Our party made him a Union Minister and I was instrumental in forming BJP-JD(S) alliance. I worked behind the scenes to make it happen, which benefited JD(S). People want this alliance to continue," he emphasised.

"Congress is very active in Channapatna, and Shivakumar is determined to secure a win. We can't stay idle, or we'll lose this seat to Congress. Shivakumar will likely try to deepen the divide between Kumaraswamy and me," Yogeshwar warned.

"There's a group of like-minded individuals in my taluk supporting my candidacy. I'll go to Delhi and discuss with the party leadership," he said, adding, "Perhaps Kumaraswamy will reconsider."

WORD OF THE DAY

Fusty

Pronunciation: FUSS-tee (adjective)
Meaning: Someone or something described as fusty is rigidly old-fashioned. Fusty is also used as a synonym of musty to describe things that are full of dust and unpleasant, stale odours.
Origin: A long and winish road led fusty to English's door. While that road is a bit obscured, evidence suggests that fusty comes from the Middle English noun foist, meaning "wine cask," which in turn traces back to the Medieval Latin word fustis, meaning "tree trunk" or "wood." Fusty itself originally described wine that had gone stale from sitting in the cask too long; fusty literally meant that the wine had the "taste of the cask." Eventually, fusty was used across the culinary universe for any stale food, and especially for damp or moldy food. Those damp and moldy connotations later led fusty to be applied to musty places, and later still to anything that had lost its freshness.
Example: "One of the great joys of Paris is its wealth of niche museums, and there's nowhere greater—or more atmospheric—in that regard than the Musée de la Chasse et de la Nature, the museum of hunting and nature.... The deliciously macabre displays of taxidermy are a highlight, but the museum also manages to avoid feeling too fusty by bringing in contemporary artists to produce works in conversation with its collections, from Sterling Ruby to Jeff Koons." — Liam Hess, Vogue, 27 Sept. 2023.

THE ODD WORD

Fabulist

One who invents fables.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

First and Foremost

Meaning: The phrase 'First and Foremost' is said to emphasise the most important fact in a situation.
Origin: The first term, dating from the late 1300s, is redundant, since first and foremost mean virtually the same thing. Both it and the variant, which dates from the mid-1500s, are used to give emphasis to the initial item in a list of several. Also see first off; first thing. This phrase is very popular in other languages too: Spanish: Primero y ante todo. Italian: Prima di tutto.
Example: "First and foremost, we need to ensure everyone's safety"; "First and foremost, we need to focus on our goals."

QUOTE BOX

If you want success, the foremost thing is to ensure that you are not the obstacle to it.— **Sadhguru**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

GOODALLTIME

Answer: All in good time.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Uber competitor
4 In the __ of : despite?
8 A shallow river crossing
12 Indian dish - "lad" trouble?
13 Nocturnal birds
14 Ceremony
15 Tactful; judicious or prudent
17 Dash
18 Range
19 Prefix for wine
21 Grow old
23 Gnawing animal
27 Karunanidhi's party
30 A fierce sea monster
32 Tall building
33 Ex-Kiwi captain John ___
35 Chatter
37 Another word for 'pool' or 'lake'
38 _ ___ of the tongue : inadvertent mistake in speaking? (1,4)
40 Play on words
42 Fish eggs
43 Horse's fastest pace
45 Tic ___ toe : children's game?
47 Amer Inst. of Aero. & Astro.
49 Hollywood producer Carlo __
53 Exclude
56 Make every possible effort? (2,3,3)
58 Lot, kismet
59 Fencing sword
60 Had a meal
61 Assist in eating
62 Impudence
63 Sing wordlessly

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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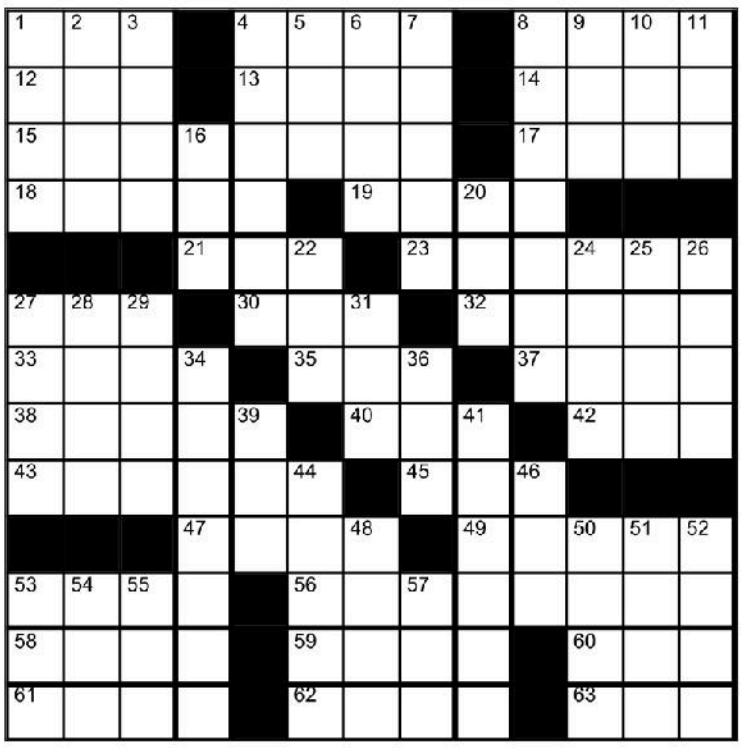
DOWN
1 Probability
2 Not of the clergy
3 Too
4 Precede in time
5 Great respect
6 Jazz singer Laine
7 Organic compound
8 Liberty
9 Fluid lubricant
10 Reqd Time of Arr.
11 Lair
16 Closest Pt. of Approach
20 ___ true : false ?
22 Unit of energy
24 Water-jug
25 Fiddling emperor
26 It has a trunk, but is no elephant!
27 Move slowly
28 A plateau with steep sides
29 Slay, slaughter or liquidate
31 Headgear
34 Enlarged or widened, like pupils perhaps
36 Nevertheless
39 Luau dish
41 Famous Italian city
44 Young attendants
46 Maj.'s boss
48 Aircraft Owners & Pilots Assoc.
50 Ark builder
51 One of a ballerina's shorter skirts
52 Entry in a list
53 Cancelled; absent
54 Ms. West of Hollywood fame?
55 Suffix denoting native or inhabitant
57 Roman bronze - "sea" change?



SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

9	6	2	4	3	1	5	8	7
7	5	4	8	9	6	2	3	1
3	1	8	5	2	7	6	9	4
4	8	1	3	6	5	7	2	9
2	9	5	7	8	4	3	1	6
6	3	7	9	1	2	4	5	8
5	2	6	1	7	8	9	4	3
1	4	9	6	5	3	8	7	2
8	7	3	2	4	9	1	6	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

SNW OSNZUH JWD UWJYUSWH JCO XJVD NH

GSHD UQD TSSO ED SKU XYTQU EYC ZI

KDJWYCT US JUUDXLU.

TODAY'S CLUE: T EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: You grow up the day you have your first real laugh - at yourself.

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Bheema (K)	(S-2)	10.05 am
	(S-4)	10 am, 1 pm, 4 pm, 7 pm, 10 pm
Deadpool & Wolverine (E-3D)	(S-1)	10.55 am, 1.35 pm 4.20 pm, 7.10 pm
Committee Kurrollu (Te)	(S-1)	9.55 pm
Minmini (Ta)	(S-2)	1 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (Te-3D)	(S-2)	3.50 pm
Raayan (Ta)	(S-2)	7.15 pm
Adios Amigo (Ma)	(S-2)	10.05 pm
Kabandha (K)	(S-3)	10.35 am
Genius Mutta (K)	(S-3)	1.20 pm
Andhagan : The pianist (Ta)	(S-3)	4 pm
It ends with us (E)	(S-3)	7 pm, 9.40 pm

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Andhagan (Ta)	(S-1)	1.30 pm, 6.30 pm
Pechi (Ta)	(S-1)	4.15 pm
Super Zindagi (Ma)	(S-1)	9.15 pm
Bheema (K)	(S-2)	9.30 am,12.30 pm, 3.30, 6.30, 9.30 pm
	(S-3)	4.45 pm, 7.45 pm
Raayan (Ta)	(S-4)	1.15 pm, 9.30 pm

PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

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Borderlands (E)	:	9.40 am, 12 noon, 5.20 pm 7.40 pm, 10.15 pm
Bheema (K)	:	9.50 am,11.45 am, 1 pm, 4.10 pm 6.35 pm, 7.20 pm, 10.30 pm
Blackpink World Tour Born Pink in Cinemas (Korean)	:	10.20 am, 4.50 pm
Ulajh (H)	:	11 am
Trailers Screening Show	:	12 noon
Deadpool & Wolverine (E-3D)	:	12.35 pm, 9.30 pm
Deadpool & Wolverine (H-3D)	:	6.35 pm
It Ends With Us (E)	:	12.35 pm, 6.25 pm, 9.45 pm
Andhagan (Ta)	:	1.55 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (Ta)	:	2.55 pm, 10 pm
Ghuspaithiya (H)	:	3.30 pm
Raayan (Ta)	:	3.30 pm
Partner (H)	:	7.05 pm
Adios Amigo (Ma)	:	9.20 pm

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Bheema (K)	:	9.20 am, 11 am, 12.30 pm, 3.40 pm 5.20 pm, 6.50 pm, 8.30 pm, 10 pm
Deadpool & Wolverine (E-3D)	:	12.15 pm, 6.05 pm
Kabandha (K)	:	12.45 pm
Committee Kurrollu (Te)	:	2.10 pm
Andhagan (Ta)	:	3.10 pm
Idu Entha Lokavayya (K)	:	3.30 pm
Raayan (Ta)	:	6.05 pm. 9.30 pm

Pratibha Puraskar for meritorious students

Mysuru, Aug. 13- The Women's Wing of the Federation of Akhila Bharat SC/ST, Backward Classes and Minorities Labour Associations, New Delhi, has invited applications from eligible students (boys and girls) from these communities who have scored more than 85 percent marks in SSLC and PUC (2023-24), for Pratibha Puraskar.

Students can send their applications along with supporting records, by ordinary post, to the Office of the Women's Wing of the Federation at No. 229/1, 6th Cross, C Block, near Ganapathy temple, Mahadevapura, Mysuru South, before Aug.25. For details, contact Mob: 94480-34316 or 95352-67175.

J.P. Nagar Sharana Vedike, Mysuru, too has invited applications from meritorious children of the Vedike members who have scored more than 90 percent marks in SSLC and PUC (2023-24) for presentation of Pratibha Puraskar. Eligible children can apply along with their marks sheet and other documents at the Vedike Office, No.188/A, Akkamahadevi Road, B Block, J.P. Nagar, Mysuru before Aug.22 or call Mob: 79962-07960 or 99863- 83580.

EVENTS TODAY (AUG. 13)

- **Simon Exhibitors:** 'Karnataka Sambhrama-50,' Mega Consumer Expo marking golden jubilee of renaming the Mysore State as Karnataka, Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **4 pm to 9.30 pm.**
- **Karnataka Rajya Madhyamika Shikshaka Sangha:** Guruvandana Programme, Akhil Bhartiya Rashtriya Shaikshik Mahasangh (ABRSM) National General Secretary Shivananda Siddanakere main speaker, Gopalaswamy Educational Institution Correspondent and Principal N.R. Manjunath chief guest, Karnataka Rajya Madhyamika Shikshaka Sangha State Vice-President K.R. Udayaravi Prakash delivers keynote address, Karnataka Rajya Madhyamika Shikshaka Sangha State Vice-President Gangadharachar will be present, Karnataka Rajya Madhyamika Shikshaka Sangha Mysuru President P. Kempaiah presides, Sri Gopalaswamy Educational Institutions premises, **5 pm.**
- **Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru City Unit and Kadali Mahila Vedike, Mysuru:** 'Vachana-Shravana - Mane Manege Shravana Masada Shravana Sandesha,' lecture by Prof. Anand H.C. Agrahara (Asst. Professor, Daksha PU College), residence of S. Parameshwarappa, No. 22, 17th Main, E Block, J.P. Nagar, 2nd Stage, **5.30 pm.**
- **Suttur Mutt, Mysuru:** Shravana Masa Pujanushtana and Discourse Series, special puja, morning; Mass prayer, **6 pm;** Dr. K. Anantaramu delivers discourse on 'Shivatatva Chintamani,' written by Lakkanna Dandesha; Vaachana by Vidushi M.V. Shubha Raghavendra, Suttur Mutt, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Sri Avadhoota Datta Peetham and Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram:** 21st Chaturmasya Vrata Deeksha by junior pontiff Sri Datta Vijayananda Teertha Swamiji, Chaturmasya Discourse on Sri Brahmanda Purana, Universal Prayer Hall, Ashram premises, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (AUG. 14)

- **Sri Avadhoota Datta Peetham and Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram:** 21st Chaturmasya Vrata Deeksha by junior pontiff Sri Datta Vijayananda Teertha Swamiji, Srichakra Puja, Maha Ganapathy Homa, Kumkumarchana, **9 am;** Chaturmasya Discourse on Sri Brahmanda Purana, Universal Prayer Hall, Ashram premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Women's Unit and Mysuru District Chutuku Sahitya Parishat:** Swatantryotsava Chutuku Kavigoshti, Chutuku Sahitya Parishat Central Committee State President and former MLC Thontadarya inaugurates, Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal delivers keynote address, Mysore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI) President K.B. Lingaraju distributes prizes, State Rajyotsava Award and Media Academy Award recipient 'Chutuku Yogacharya' Dr. MGR Urs presides, Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat-Women's Unit and Mysuru District Chutuku Sahitya Parishat President Dr. Ratna Halappa Gowda chief guest, Kannada Sahitya Parishat premises, Vijayanagar, **10.30 am.**
- **Basava Bharata Pratishtana:** Lecture on 'Basavannanavara Vachanagalalli Vaicharikate' by Dr. D.M. Mahendra Murthy, Professor, JSS College, Mysuru, Senior Citizens Day Care Centre, Kuvempunagar, **11 am to 1.30 pm.**
- **Rashtrakavi Govinda Pai Samshodhana Kendra, Udupi, Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), Mahatma Gandhi Memorial (MGM) College, Udupi, Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat and Mysuru's Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota:** Conferring of 'Rashtrakavi Govinda Pai Award' 2023 on Prof. A.V. Narasimhamurthy, former Head of the Department of Ancient History and Archaeology, Pathrakaratara Bhavan, Thyagaraja Mohalla, **12 noon.**
- **Inauguration:** Inauguration of Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar's office, First Floor, CADA premises, **3 pm.**
- **Simon Exhibitors:** 'Karnataka Sambhrama-50,' Mega Consumer Expo marking golden jubilee of renaming the Mysore State as Karnataka, Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **4 pm to 9.30 pm.**
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Ghuspaithiya (H)	:	11.05 am, 5.05 pm
Minmini (Ta)	:	1.25 pm
Raayan (Ta)	:	2 pm
Andhagan (Ta)	:	4.30 pm
Chak De! India (H)	:	10 pm
Kalki 2898 AD (E)	:	10.20 pm

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Idu Entha Lokavayya (K)	:	11.35 am
Ghuspaithiya (H)	:	1.15 pm, 10.30 pm
Raayan (Ta)	:	1.15 pm, 7.15 pm, 10.10 pm
Kabandha (K)	:	2.10 pm
Genius Mutta (K)	:	4.55 pm
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